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THE TOWN COUNCIL.

An Uninteresting Meeting  
Was Held Last  
Night.

The proceedings of the town council  
last night were short and of very little  
interest.

Communications were received from  
P. L'Heureux, E. A. Kingdom, P.  
L'Heureux and C. G. Pennock.

The position of Mr. Kingdom and  
others was referred to a committee of  
the whole council to report at next  
meeting of the council.

Coum Brydon moved, seconded by  
Conn Hudson, that the mayor and  
treasurer be and hereby authorized to issue  
cheque in favor of P. L'Heureux,  
chairman of the Separate School  
Board, for \$800, balance due to the  
Separate schools.

Conn Hudson moved, seconded by  
Horswill, that the mayor and treasurer  
be authorized to issue cheque in  
favor of Sec-Treas., of the Public  
School for \$8,000 on account of their  
appropriation for the year.

The following resolution was moved  
by Conn Horswill and seconded by  
Conn Hudson:

That whereas the game laws of  
the province of Ontario permit the  
killing of moose and caribou every  
third year only.

And whereas both moose and  
caribou are very numerous throughout  
the western portion of the province,  
and whereas deer are now coming into  
the Rainy River section of the  
province, where until very recently  
they were rarely seen.

Be it resolved that in the opinion  
of this council a suitable law for the  
eastern portion of the province will not  
work out satisfactorily in the western  
portion and vice versa, and we would  
therefore strongly urge that the game  
laws be amended as to allow the  
silling of one male moose, and one  
male caribou over the age of one year  
at any time between the 15th day of  
October and the 15th day of November  
in each and every year.

And that the killing of deer in the  
Rainy River district be prohibited for  
a period of five years.

And that copies of this resolution  
be forwarded to the Hon. Mr. Lubbock,  
Minister Public Works, Mr.  
F. C. Inspecteur Ontario Game, and  
Mr. Conner, M.P.P.

Coum Brydon gave notice that he  
would introduce a bill to provide  
for election of mayor and councillors  
for 1902.

The by-law for the appointment of  
collector of taxes received its second  
reading.

ALL-OVER-CANADA ITEMS.

Boiled Down into Readable  
Paragraphs for Busy  
People:

A falling tree killed John Abel at  
Welsley.

Col. Prior, of Victoria, B. C., will  
retire from politics.

The Dominion Parliament may as-  
semble for business on January 6.

A. B. Culloden was found dead in the  
snow near his home at Barrie.

Complete returns in West Huron  
give Mr. Garrow a majority of 25.

Rev. James Preston, father of T. H.  
Preston, M.P.P., is dead at Brantford.

Trooper Hepworth, of the Canadian  
Constabulary, once announced dead, is  
alive.

A new case of Smallpox has developed  
in Ottawa. There are twelve cases  
in what he thinks a prospectively good  
town. Thus the Baptist church has  
been put upon Mr. Reddick's shoulders

so far as the congregation is concerned.

The Halifax Labour Council wants  
the Government to appoint a labour  
representative to the Cabinet.

Rev. Dr. Ross at Ottawa said that it  
was a disgrace to Canada to send a  
C.O.D. contingent to South Africa.

It is said at Winnipeg that an Amer-  
ican syndicate is anxious to buy  
20,000 acres of W. E. Sanford estate.

So far about 2,335 horses have been  
shipped from Middlesex for South  
Africa, with 750 tons of hay and 220  
tons of oats.

The ladies of Deseronto will present a  
gold medal to Edward Maloney, who  
last summer saved a young lady of  
that town from drowning.

Western Reserve University, Cleve-  
land, has sent an invitation to Sir  
Wilfrid Laurier to deliver the Wash-  
ington birthday address at the Uni-  
versity.

Plans are to be erected on both  
sides of the "Soo" for the making of  
steel tubes. Millions of English capital  
are behind this and the other  
Clegrave enterprises.

Andrew Marshall, the victim of the  
mysterious shooting affray at Rainy  
River, is now able to sit up.

Arthur Blackwood charged with the  
shooting has not yet been located.

Five persons were drowned while  
fishing on Lake Winnipeg and its feed-  
ers.

It is reported that the Canadian  
third contingent will be increased to  
900 men.

An Albert railway agent at Strating

REV. D. REDDICK PREACHES  
INAUGURAL DR. SPENCER  
FAREWELLS.

The new pastor of the Tabernacle  
made his public appearance on Sat-  
urday last and preached an inspiring  
sermon in the evening to a large con-  
gregation. His subject was, "The  
Cross of Christ," and was a careful  
and forcible presentation of the old  
gospel.

In appearance, manner, ability and  
style Mr. Reddick commends himself  
to the thinking public, and will doubt-  
less be found an acquisition to the  
town in every way.

Dr. Spencer preached his farewell  
sermon in the morning and sang solo.  
The quartette in the evening was very  
good. He lectures tonight on Old  
London, and will leave tomorrow for  
the east, after six weeks' pleasant stay  
in what he thinks a prospectively good  
town. Thus the Baptist church has  
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so far as the congregation is concerned.

It has been decided to postpone the  
installation of a stampmill at the  
Elizabeth mine for six months, during  
which time underground work will be

pushed on so that there may be an un-  
failing supply of ore to draw upon  
when the crushing machinery is in.

The site is practically ready for the  
mill, so that at any time that it is

thought advisable, the machinery can  
be put in without any unnecessary

From present appearance it is ex-  
pected that the Elizabeth will be  
among the best producers of the dis-  
trict when the stamp mill commences  
driving. Industrial Review.

MINING NOTES.

Port Arthur Herald, Mr. Fred J.  
McKinnon and Mr. P. J. Cirkle of Min-  
neapolis, are in town waiting to catch  
a boat to Duluth. These gentlemen  
have just returned from inspecting  
some mining propositions in the com-  
munity along the Canadian Northern. Mr.  
Bowman is well known in the mining  
world of West Algoma where he has  
been connected with some phase of

mining for several years. Mr. Cirkle  
is one of the big operators in western  
mines. He owns or is interested in  
several paying mines in Minnesota.

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## DEATH OF MRS. ALEXANDER.

After an illness of two months Mrs. Mary Alexander, widow of the late J. G. Alexander, died here on Saturday. The deceased lady came here to St. Paul on a visit to Mrs. H. E. Holmes and other friends and was soon after taken with the illness which proved fatal. She was 60 years of age.

Mrs. Alexander was an old-time resident of Rat Portage, having lived here nine years prior to 1892, when she removed to St. Paul. Her husband predeceased her about twelve years. Among the older residents of Rat Portage she was very popular and held in high esteem, as was testified by the attendance at her funeral, which was held Sunday at St. Albans church. The remains were taken to St. Paul yesterday for interment. She leaves one son, Andrew, of Great Falls, Mont., and four daughters, namely: Mrs. Blafield, St. Paul; Mrs. Seaton, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Weir, Halifex; and Mrs. Joe Baker, Minneapolis. The son, Mrs. 17-year-old and Mrs. Seaton were the sole survivors of the mother when she died.

A pro-Boer resolution was introduced in the American Federation of Labor in session at Scranton.

British subjects have presented claims to the Colombian Government for damages sustained in the recent revolution.

Something like thirty million Great Lake whitefish eggs have been sent to the government hatchery. Some 14,000,000 are now in Manitoba waters.

## THE FLAG AS AN ASSET.

Saturday Evening Post: Whatever enemies of Cecil Rhodes may have turned against him, he has never been afraid of lack of either common sense or business acumen. Of all the remarkable utterances of this remarkable man none is more likely to be remembered than the statement made recently in an interview with an American newspaper correspondent when he referred to the flag of Great Britain as "the greatest commercial asset in the world." Great Britain is known to every corner of the earth, for its ships carry the flag alike among savage isles and into civilized ports. Even on our own coast the proportion of British mercantile flags to our own is often more than three to one.

"Craft must be veiled, but truth goes naked."

Poor shoes must be highly finished to veil defective material, but good shoes need not fear to be seen in their natural leathers.

The cost of abnormal

finish is put into unusual

service and valued by the

Makers (through their

price on the sole) in—

"The Slater Shoe"

"Good Year Welted."

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Alfred Desmarais of the Dominion Fidelity Supply company, going to the basement to fix the furnace carried an electric light attached to a long cord in his hand. Instead of hanging the light on a hook, provided for that purpose Desmarais held the bulb in one hand, opened the furnace door with the other, thus forming complete circuit, causing instant death.

thought advisable, the machinery can be put in without any unnecessary expense.

From present appearance it is expected that the Elizabeth will be among the best producers of the district when the stamps commence dropping. —Industrial Review.

## MINING NOTES.

Post Arthur Herald: Mr. Fred J. Bowman and Mr. P. J. Cirkle of Minneapolis, who are in town waiting to catch a boat for Duluth. These gentlemen have just returned from inspecting some mining propositions in the country along the Canadian Northern. Mr. Bowman is well known in the mining world of West Algoma where he has been connected with some phase of mining for several years. Mr. Cirkle is one of the big operators in western mines. He owns, or is interested in several paying mines in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Colorado! As a matter of fact Mr. Cirkle is one of the few actual mining men who have visited this section of the country. We understand that he recently sampled the deposits he was inspecting and that if the tests prove satisfactory he will interest himself in their development.

## WITH THE PUCK CHASERS.

The Thistle hockey team have been practicing hard for a week and everyone who has watched them declare that last year's Champions are faster than ever. There will be one or two changes of last year's team. Of course Swinford's place at point will have to be filled, and the most likely player available is Matt Brown. He is putting up a good game and will likely be tried out Friday evening in the first long game of the season. The rest of last year's team have been cut to practice, and their combination and shooting is as formidable as ever.

The first bague game will be played here on Friday evening of this week when the Winnipeggers will be the opposing team. This will be a fast game and every lover of this fascinating sport should be there.

Winnipeg Telegrams: Neither the Winnipeg nor the Rat Portage team seem to care much about luck. They open their season on Friday, the 13th day of December, and the Winnipeggers have to make a journey to the place. On the face of it Winnipeg should look out as they have three black marks to two.

## KILLED BY ELECTRIC LIGHT.

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## TAKE SOMETHING YOURSELF.

Mr. John Busybody Walker, the editor of that most brilliant saffron journal the Cosmopolitan magazine, has hit upon another startling scheme to make his publication notorious. He is going to stop the Boer war, as he stopped that terrible Indian famine. By abusing England.

Mr. J. Bigbrane Walker has published a petition which every Christian church must sign at Christmas calling upon England to stop the Boer war, and let, the President of the United States and Queen Willy of Holland arbitrate the trouble away.

Mr. J. B. doesn't intend to call upon the Boers to quit.

Here's a chance for an English magazine to make a name for itself if it hates minding its own business.

Let every Christian church in the British Empire sign a petition at Christmas, calling upon the President of the United States to stop the war in the Philippines.

And give Cuba its independence as per promise when the war with Spain was started.

And give back to the Puerto Ricans the country stolen from them during the war to free Cuba.

And stop the lynching of negroes. And abolish the trusts.

## THE TELEPHONE COMPARISSON

Mr. McCrossan says we are mistaken in crediting him, last issue, with saying that his company could give cheaper rates for telephones if double the number of people used them than at present.

He says that the plant is running at its one operator maximum capacity, and if a lot of new subscribers to the telephone system were to come in, the company would have to charge more for their telephones than they do now, because the cost of operating would be greater than it is now. We are glad we know this, as Rip Van Winkle would say, but we are still unenlightened as to why the Neepawa system can be run profitably at half the price we pay. We have a larger system than our prairie sister, but the cost of operating cannot be larger, because it is impossible to get less than one operator to run a central.

## TROUBLE IS SETTLED.

The man who interfered in a quarrel between a man and his wife is a fool. This has been said several times already, but some people cannot see a

"little brown men" would be a blessing. He has a high opinion of the Chinese people:

ODDITIES OF GENIUS.  
Physical Failings That Fall to the Lot of Famous Men.

"As for the honesty of these people, I appeal to every English merchant or banker, from Pekin to Hong Kong, to answer if he ever heard of a dishonest Chinese merchant or banker. So far from that, not only has every English bank two Chinamen to receive and hand out money, but every bank in Japan has the same. The English will tell you, half in jest, that the Japanese is an Oriental Yankee, and does not trust his own people; and they will tell you, half in earnest, that the English bankers employ Chinese to handle their money because they never make mistakes. These people of China have never had anything like a bankrupt law. If a man cannot pay his debts, or someone does not secretly come forward and pay them, at the end of each year, he has 'lost his face,' and so he dies by his own hand. Yet within their piteous poverty, they have no such words as 'hard times,' for everything must be settled up at the end of the year. There can be no extension of time. Confucius forbade it."

## THE ROPE FIRE ESCAPE.

It Would Seem to Be Delusion and a Snare.

"Strange how people pin their faith to a rope as a means of escape from burning buildings," remarked an officer of the fire departments. "Hundreds of traveling men carry a coil of light rope fastened in one of their trunks and feel safe on the upper floors of hotels they know are mere deathtraps. A drummer of my acquaintance, who weighs fully 200 pounds and who has taken no exercise for the last twenty years, has a sample case with a special compartment containing fifty yards of silk lifeline, extremely light and strong.

"Do you really think you could slide down on that in case of fire? I asked him when he showed me the arrangement.

"Why not?" he replied. "It's been tested to three times my weight."

"The only difficulty that occurred to him was the breaking of the line. That he would have no trouble hanging to it on the way down he took for granted.

"Now, as a matter of fact," continued the speaker, "a rope is the very worst fire escape imaginable. To begin with, a moment's reflection will show you that the chances are two to one that it will catch on fire and be destroyed before it can be used. The windows of nearly all buildings are arranged in straight vertical lines, one directly above the other, and a rope thrown out of an upper story would necessarily cross every casement on the way down. The probabilities are that some or all of them would be spouting flame and the rope would last about as long as a piece of pack thread."

"But, assuming the coast to be clear, a rope would be almost useless to anybody but a trained gymnast. The average man would find it physically impossible to let himself down hand over hand, and if he attempted to slide his palms would be seared, and he would let go involuntarily before he went thirty feet. Gloves or cloth are no advantage, as we have proved by tests in the department. If they are thick enough to prevent abrasion, they will also prevent one from obtaining sufficient purchase to ease the descent."

"The only thing of any value in that respect is the handkerchief looped loosely around the rope and tied firmly about both ends to the wrist. The loop will bind slightly in the descent and act as a brake. That is something, by the way, that is well worth remembering. Getting a hitch or two of the rope around one's big is of no use whatever, unless some body has hold of the lower end and is keeping it taut. Altogether, the rope escape is a delusion and a snare, and I wish the fact were generally understood, because the confidence that is reposed in it makes people careless of other and proper

ODDITIES OF GENIUS.  
Physical Failings That Fall to the Lot of Famous Men.

The face of Oliver Cromwell was disfigured with moles, pimples and warts. He must have been very proud of them, however, for when his portrait was being painted by Sir Peter Lely he swore he would not pay for it unless these facial disfigurements were quite clearly shown. Hogarth, the famous painter, had a prominent scar on his forehead, which was the result of an accident in his early days. He made this appear still more prominent in a portrait of himself which he painted with his own hand.

The great Napoleon was subject to epileptic seizures, one of which it has been said lost him the battle of Waterloo.

Lord Byron, who was otherwise a magnificent specimen of a man, had a club foot of which he was anything but proud. However, it detracted from his appearance and hardened locomotion, it did not hamper his genius. Byron was possessed of a marred four of going out of his mind.

Indeed, all poets are said to be more or less mad. Cowper was certainly subject

to fits of lunacy, as was likewise Chatterton, who killed himself in a fit of derangement. The same is true of Rousseau, Cervantes, Scott and Swift.

Alexander Pope was a hunchback, with a very crooked tongue, which once resulted in his being as good as told that he was "a crooked little thing that asks impudent questions."

Throughout his life Sir Walter Scott could only walk with a limp. As a boy he was afflicted with paralysis, which left him permanently lame.

The late James Payn, the novelist, was extremely short, in which respect he resembled Falstaff, the world renowned electrician and inventor.

Milton was totally blind when he produced the masterpiece of his marvelous genius. From his youth up he suffered acutely from gout, which was the primary cause of the loss of his eyesight.

As anybody could gather from his works, Thomas Carlyle was a chronic despot. A state of irritation appears to have been his normal condition, and, although in the absence of his peculiar ailment he might have been a far more amiable being, his writings would certainly have lost some of their most prominent characteristics.

Like Demosthenes, Charles Kingsley was afflicted with stuttering, but he did not cure himself of the failing as did the famous Athenian orator by practicing speaking with pebbles in his mouth.

Perhaps the most famous of European surgeons was also the most nervous. This was Billieh of Vienna, whose hands were subject to violent trembling. But he operated with such celerity that his hand had no opportunity of trembling.

To Too Particular.

A business man who had eaten a meal at a restaurant where he frequently took his midday luncheon walked up to the cashier and said:

"I find I haven't a cent of change about me today. If you will kindly let me owe this sum until I come in again, it will certainly be in a day or two. I will pay you up then."

The cashier was not a man of too much human nature, or was it the nature of momentary irritation that caused his words:

"We don't run credit here. You must pay with you can leave us, or we will take no security."

"I didn't say I *had* to leave," the customer rejoined. "I will just add no change. Please take the cent of my check out of this."

And he took a fifty dollar bill out of his pocketbook and handed it to the astonished cashier.

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Then picking up a small object which comprised about one-half of the cashbox, he turned and walked out.

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its one operator maximum capacity, and it's a lot of new subscribers to the telephone system were to come in, the company would have to charge more for their telephones than they do now, because the cost of operating would be greater than it is now. We are glad we know this, as Ripe Van Winkle would say, but we are still unenlightened as to why the Neepawa system can be run profitably at half the price we pay. We have a larger system than our prairie sister, but the cost of operating cannot be larger, because it is impossible to get less than one operator to run a central.

#### TROUBLE IS SETTLED.

The man who interferes in a quarrel between a man and his wife is a fool. This has been said several times already, but some people cannot see a club until you hit them on the head with it.

Queen Wilhelmina, of the Netherlands, undertook to give her husband fits because his conduct at a ball did not suit her. Henry had been drinking, and he retorted warmly, telling his wife that if she didn't like his style, she knew what she could do, whereupon, an aide named Van Tets gave Henry a "calling down" and the two adjourned to a back yard, and Van Tets was subsequently sent to the hospital. Another agent of the court paid him an visit when Henry got back, but he is also in the hospital according to the latest despatches. And now Queen Wil and her hubby are throwing bouquets at each other, and going on, loving as if nothing had happened.

#### A FRIEND OF CHINAMEN.

In an article entitled "The Chinese and the Exclusion Act" which appears in the December number of the North American Review, Joaquin Miller utters a vigorous protest against the re-enactment of the Chinese Exclusion Act in the United States. He insists that the real proprietors of the Pacific coast, the owners of property, and the taxpayers, wish the Chinese admitted to the country, because since their exclusion, the value of property has been in the mud, at a standstill. The real workingmen share in this wish, Mr. Miller contends, and viewed from the point of view of the necessities of the Pacific States, "from that of the qualities of the Chinese, the presence of the

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a rope would be almost useless to anybody but a trained gymnast. The average man would find it physically impossible to let himself down hand over hand, and if he attempted to slide his palms would be bared, and he would go involuntarily before he went thirty feet. Gloves or cloth are no advantage, as we have proved by tests in the department. If they are thick enough to prevent abrasion, they will also prevent one from obtaining sufficient purchase to ease the descent.

"The only thing of any value in that respect is the handkerchief looped loosely around the rope and then tied firmly by both ends to the wrist. The loop will bind slightly in the descent and act as a brake. That is something, by the way, that is well worth remembering. Getting a hitch or two of the rope around one's leg is of no use whatever, unless somebody has hold of the lower end and is keeping it taut. Altogether, the rope escape is a delusion and a snare, and I wish the fact were generally understood, because the confidence that is reposed in it makes people careless of other and proper precautions."

#### Why We Cheer.

Don't cheer, it isn't the Duke of York alone the nation cheers, but the throne and the people behind it—the beef-eaters, the sturdy men, those who have made the little island great.

We look at the Duke and pass him away down the long avenue of British history. We cheer because Wellington won at Waterloo; we cheer because the maimed, glorious Nelson fell and every man did his duty; we cheer because of Gordon, the great man with a soul that wanted to reach out and love the whole world; we cheer because of Alfred the Great, the road-maker and burner of pancakes; we cheer because of Cromwell, the old-time rough rider; because of Shakespeare, the poet for all time; and Milton, his brother in immortality; because of Byron and Tennyson. Burns and Gladstone; we cheer because of her whom we loved, our Queen, his grandmother; because of our King, whom we respect. His father,

The arches, the great guns, the hats donned, couriers on their knees, the cheers are not for the Duke alone, in honor of the great past of the little island that in represents, and in history, is the symbol of a vital part.

No Better Son Anywhere

"The fertility of the soil is assured nowhere," said Mr. Gibson, "but the climate is not severe, and tourists injure the crops. Now the Canadian Northern runs its district throughout its length, any objection to the route of transportation, whether east or westward, has been removed." Indeed, it would be difficult to imagine a more desirable field for colonization of farm settlers, who are afraid to grapple with the sharp diamonds and boulders of the original settler country. The timber in the Rainy Lake district seemed more plentiful than he had supposed. There are large areas of excellent Norway pine, which can be sold in lumber for the increasing ever-ready market in Manitoba. He had no doubt but that in the near future the Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake and the numerous other waterways in that part of the Province would be resorted to by summer tourists from the United States as well as from older countries.

Before and After.

"Before I was married, I used to accuse my fiancee of being a coquette, in order to show her pretty teeth." "After marriage, I found out that she could show her teeth without smiling."—New York Commercial Advertiser.



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#### Painful.

A little story comes from very back concerning Fighting Fairies, the tragedian.

It was during his last engagement played at Niagara. At the time he was suffering untold torture from the gout. A sort of humor had to be constructed from the stage to the dressing room, for he was quite unable to move up and down stairs.

The performer came along from backstage, and Fawcett, who was in great pain and trouble with his legs, he responded against the running, carrying such a twinge in his toe as to make him wince with the pain.

A young girl standing unfortunately addressed the tragedian in the wrong thing, saying,

"Dear me, Mr. Fawcett, that must have been extremely painful."

"Not half so painful as your setting" was the crusty response.

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### FROM RAIN IN THE WOODS.

When on the lawn the rain insists,  
And every time it falls it comes down;  
When all the woodland shades with mist,  
I take the old road out of town.

Later the hills through which it twists,

I find the vale where trout grow.  
Where bennet blooms, with witness bowed;

The vale through which the red creek flows;

Turpid with full-wasted day and flood.

Some strange notes from a wildman loose;

The butterfly and forest bird.

Are headed on the same snail-trough.

From which, like some rain vowed word

That dampens loveliness utterly now.

The grove's voice is vaguely heard.

I croon and listen, and again.

The woods are filled for me with forms;

Weird, elfin shapes in train on train.

Arise, and now I feel the arms

Arround me of the wreaths of pain.

Or wreaths of roses, or trailing vines;

Still I'd meet her, I'd meet her,

Sell my lips by a secret kiss,

Strikew me with your hands of dew.

Unto her from the drooping spray,

Martin Caron in Atlantic.

### WHAT MRS. JOHNNIE DID

"Whatever you do, don't take the 12:10," Tom had said when at breakfast Mrs. Johnnie declared her intention of running up to town. "It's slow and awfully dusty and there's generally a rowdy crowd aboard. Wait for the 2:35 express."

"But no sooner had Tom taken his departure than Mrs. Johnnie decided to do nothing of the sort. She was a bustling little body, forever on the go, and when once an idea crept into that clever little head of hers she was inclined to carry it through to a finish in her own particular way."

Consequently Mrs. Johnnie did take the 12:30 local, and within five minutes' time she was wishing devoutly that she had followed Tom's advice, for it was hot and dusty, and they were crawling along at a snail's pace, and there were some rough looking customers on board, and—well, oh dear! After all, Tom did know what he was talking about occasionally.

At the far end of the car a young woman was sitting. She looked so young that one might almost have called her a child.

"How are my children?" she exclaim-

came to town. He told me in his letter not to bring anything along; my country dresses would never do for New York, he said. So I've left them all at home there, hanging up in my closet—all except my new pink one I got at Easter. It's so pretty I could bear to leave that behind. I guess it will do for the mornings, now and then."

"But wasn't it awfully good of Jack, though? He sent me this dress to wear on the way up and this diamond," pointing to a huge brooch that sparkled at her throat, "but which Mrs. Johnnie's eyes pronounced to be very bad paste. And there was a box of complexion salve he sent me too. I've put some of it on just to please him, but I can't say that I like it very much. It itches so and feels horrid. Do all ladies put it in New York?"

At another time Mrs. Johnnie would have burst out laughing, but just at present matters were taking too serious a turn. Mrs. Johnnie was beginning to wonder very much.

"But when are you to be married, my dear?" she asked hastily. "You have not answered my question yet. And what does Sophie say? For, of course, we've told her all about it."

The girl hung her head, and Mrs. Johnnie could see her blushes even in spite of the rouge.

"You see, it's this way: Jack hates a fuss and all that. He said for us to get married first and then let Sophie know. That was the last thing I had to do—leaving her without a word of goodbye. But Jack knows best, I suppose. Only I wish—"

"Excuse me, Daisy, you mustn't think me impertinent for asking all these questions, my dear. Is Jack going to meet you at the station?"

"Well no, not exactly. He's so busy at this time of day, you know. That's one reason why he sent the dress and things. He said in his letter that he had shown them to a lady friend of his. She's to meet me at the ferry and take charge of me till he comes."

"Oh! And how long did you say you have known a—a—Jack?"

The girl hung her head again. "I saw him first about six weeks ago. He came down on one of the yachts. He came down twice on Sunday after that, and he's written ever so often."

Mrs. Johnnie laid her hand tenderly upon the young girl's arm. "And do you really think, my dear Daisy, that you know him well enough to marry him? Wouldn't it be wiser to wait a bit and take your sister into your confidence? Why not ask Jack to wait a year for you and then see how matters stand? Hell wait for you gladly enough if he's really in earnest!"

"Why should I keep him waiting?" she answered. "He loves me. Isn't that enough? I love him just as entirely, and he does—by me. Isn't that enough?"

Mrs. Johnnie did not answer for a moment. Her lips were pressed tightly together, for to tell the truth, Mrs. Johnnie was making up her mind to adopt a desperate measure. This car half full of men was certainly no place for a scene, and Mrs. Johnnie began to realize that if she proceeded to do her duty by this little girl a scene was bound to come. The train was just slowing up for a moment at a little wayside station.

"Well, my dear, I hope sincerely that you will find it is enough," she said. Then springing up suddenly, she grasped the carpetbag and her own belongings.

"Hurry up, my child!" she cried.

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Cor. Matheson and Fort, Rat Portage.

Mr. W. Garson and Mr. J. Mitchell, of Tyndall, are in town attending court.

Capt. McKenzie, of the Rat Portage Lumber Co.'s fleet, left for his home in New Brunswick last night, to spend Christmas.

Mr. W. Millicamp and E. J. P. Smith, of Toronto, were registered at the Hilliard Sunday.

Mr. J. McKenzie, of the Mikado, is in town.

Messrs. S. Flatt, J. Barr, D. Matheson, W. McKay and W. Forbes left for the Mikado this morning.

Mr. J. McGovern, of the Dominion Immigration Department, was registered at the Hilliard Sunday.

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The annual ball and supper under the auspices of the Rat Portage Fire Brigade will be held in the Hilliard Opera House on the evening of Dec. 25th.

The total population of Quebec in 1901 was 1,615,572, compared with 1,488,535 in 1891, an increase of 227,037. The French population was 1,397,980, as against 1,189,316 in 1881, an increase of 121,634.

There are a couple of cases of small pox in Sudbury.

Mr. A. McNicol, a large Toronto horse dealer, who has just returned from Durban, South Africa, whether he went with a consignment of horses, made a very remarkable statement for publication at the Exchange Hotel, point St. Charles, Montreal, a couple of days since. He said that nearly every stock boat that sails from New Orleans, Canada and Australia carries from fifty to one hundred men, and of these less than ten per cent return with the ship. The majority of those taking care of the cargoes on the way have past records. They are boat sympathizers at heart, and as the financial inducements are liberal, most of them join the enemy's ranks.

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#### Marriage at Thirty.

The celibacy question is a delicate one to discuss, but it seems to me that if by giving young workmen a chance of lodging themselves comfortably and respectfully when they first become self supporting you prevent them from getting married to girls as young as themselves and acquiring a quiverful of babies before they are well out of their teens far more good than harm is likely to result in the long run from this operation. Young men of the middle class, at the present day rarely marry under thirty, many of them not till they are well past that age. So far as I can see, neither they nor society are the worse for deferring their nuptials. The lower you go in the social scale the stronger are the reasons against a man marrying so young.

#### A Discourager.

"I don't believe in feeding tramps at the door," said Mrs. West. "You feed them once, and they are sure to come back."

"Well, I don't know. I always give them bread when they come to my door, and I can't say I ever knew a tramp to come a second time."

"Oh, well, Mrs. West, you make your own bread do you not?"

That was all that was said, and yet Mrs. West went down the street like a snow hat on a windy day.

#### Loose Knife Blades.

Sometimes a table or kitchen knife blade becomes loose from the handle. When this occurs, take the blade out and fit two-thirds of the cavity with resin mixed with sawdust. Heat the shank of the knife very hot and press it in quickly and solidly. When it cools, you will find the blade is fixed firmly.

#### Knock to the Ossuary.

"The wooden wedding," said Mr. Henpeck, "is the fifth anniversary, isn't it?"

"Not necessarily," snapped his better seven-eighths. "If one marries a blockhead, the ceremony itself"— But he fled to the cellar before she could finish.

#### A Cyclone.

Customer—What's the matter? Why is everything so upset? Are you moving?

Clerk—Oh, it's nothing! Mrs. Jones came in to buy a paper of pins awhile ago

#### Lucky Poverty.

A certain young fellow named Gough contracted a very bad cough. "Now, he hadn't the dough," said the doctor's bills, "but we'll shock the cough right!"

Practice Makes Perfect.  
Sue—Ferdy, have you ever loved before?

He (unabashed)—Why, of course, dear, else how could I now love you to perfection?

#### Views of El Reno.

When the men at the foot of the list go down to pick out their land, they can form some idea of what a woman gets when she is late at a bargain sale.

#### Night and Morning.

It's a beautiful morning plant. Mix ginseng, sleep half dead, and wake with great and glorious success in business.

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the assets of the estate of Elizabeth Dam is now offered for sale at a rate on the docket. Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned, not later than Saturday, the 14th day of December, 1901, at the hour of 3 o'clock p.m.

Full particulars can be obtained upon application to the undersigned, to Mr. E. Heap, or Mr. C. Holt, inspectors.

Dated at Rat Portage this 7th day of December, 1901.

W. C. BARCLAY,  
Assignee.



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**WE HAVE MANY NICE THINGS**  
to choose from, and at prices to  
suit your pocketbook. We take pleasure  
in showing you our stock of Xmas  
Presents.



## See Our Window Displays.



## Wood's Drug Store

Cor. Matheson and Fort, Rat Portage.

## Items of Local Interest

Remember the lecture tonight in the Baptist church by Dr. Spencer. The subject is "Old London," and half the proceeds go to the hospital.

Mr. D. A. Pender, secretary of the Royal Jubilee Hospital, desires to acknowledge the receipt of \$13.10 from Zion Methodist Church, the result of a Thanksgiving collection.

Thomas Davies, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davies, died yesterday after an illness extending over three months. The funeral will take place from his parents' residence, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

The Fort Frances Times says: The Indian boy who recently perjured himself in the Beau Pass liquor case and was given two years in the Indian Industrial school, while being taken to Winnipeg by Indian Agent Wright, jumped from the train between Eudor and Barwick and succeeded in making his escape.

The Hospital Aid Society will hold an afternoon tea at the residence of Mrs. P. H. Clark on Thursday next from 3 to 6 in the afternoon. An admission fee of 15 cents will be charged, and the proceeds will go into the funds of the society. All are welcome.

The lecture on the Catacombs of Rome, by Rev. Mr. Rochester, in Knox church, last night was not largely attended, but was declared to be a very fine description of one of the wonders of the world. The choir rendered couple of selections and Mr. Hector Sutherland sang a solo in his usual good form.

C.N.R. officials state that by Christmas they will be able to run through trains from Winnipeg to Port Arthur.

Mr. A. McKenzie is in Winnipeg.

The card of revision on the voters lists will be held Monday next, the 18th. There are 356 names to be considered, either appeals or to be added.

At next Monday night's meeting of the council the financial statement of the year will be presented.

Messrs. S. Flatt, J. Barr, D. Matheson, W. McKay and W. Forbes left for the Mikado this morning.

Mr. J. McGovern, of the Dominion Immigration Department, was registered at the Hilliard Sunday.

Mr. J. Stone is suffering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Strong, of the Sultana, were in town Saturday.

No. 1 was five hours late this morning.

Mr. T. Briedenbach, M.E., of Sirdar Point, was in town Saturday en route to the Manitou to inspect some properties for the Westfield syndicate.

Mr. J. Gleeson left for his old home in Markham, Ont., Saturday.

The annual ball and supper under the auspices of the Rat Portage Fire Brigade will be held in the Hilliard Opera House on the evening of Dec. 26th. Hanson's orchestra will be in attendance. Tickets may be obtained from any of the following committees: Chief Page, Chief Woods, Captain Nicholson, 1st. Lieut. Horswill, Captain F. Hudson, or the secretary, B. Taylor.

The old friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will regret to learn of the serious accident which befel Mr. Thompson en route to M. & N.W. He was in the engine of a freight when by some means it became detached from the rest of the train and toppled off the track, Mr. Thompson receiving serious injuries. He lived here for a number of years, being a conductor on the C.P.R.

Mr. Werner delivered a very entertaining address to the St. Andrew's Guild of St. Alban's Church last night. It was entitled "The Humors of the Drug Business." Mr. Werner gave many humorous illustrations of the hollies with the technical terms used in the drug business.

Mrs. C. W. Chadwick has gone to Winsipeg on a short visit.

Rev. J. W. B. Page went to Winnipeg to attend the funeral of Canon O'Meara.

Mr. Matheson, of Nepon, formerly Hudson's Bay Company factor here, is in town.

**On Jellies**  
preserves and pickles spread a thin coating of

**PURE REFINED PARAFFINE**

Well they say, "A jelly is a jelly and a paraffine is a paraffine," but there is a difference. Full directions on each package. Made in Canada.

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made very remarkable statement for publication at the Exchange Hotel, point St. Charles, Montreal, a couple of days since. He said that nearly every stock boat that sails from New Orleans, Canada and Australia carries out from fifty to one hundred men, and of those less than ten per cent return with the ship. "The majority of those taking care of the cargoes on the way over have past records. They are Boer sympathizers at heart, and as the financial inducements are liberal, most of them join the enemy's ranks.

**A Discourager.**  
"I don't believe in feeding tramps at the door," said Mrs. West. "You feed them once, and they are sure to come back."

"Well, I don't know. I always give them bread when they come to my door, and I can't say I ever knew a tramp to come a second time."

"Oh, well, Mrs. Yeast, you make your own bread, do you not?"

That was all that was said, and yet Mrs. Yeast went down the street like a straw hat on a windy day.

### THE POPULAR DRUG STORE.

Strict attention to every detail of the Drug business, low prices, and giving our people just the things they ask for, have all contributed to make our establishment the popular drug store of the town. Physicians prescriptions filled with accuracy and despatch. We invite you to call and examine our large stock of Perfumes and new Toilet preparations.

### PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND.

At this time when thousands are suffering from headache, nervousness, dyspepsia, impure blood, liver complaint and kidney troubles, we can strongly recommend Paine's Celery Compound. This wonderful medicine is the prescription of an eminent physician. Take one bottle; it will give you cheering results. Our stock of Paine's Celery Compound is always fresh. Johnson's Pharmacy, Rat Portage, Ont.

### CURLING.

The curling season opened Saturday evening with the usual President versus Vice-President match.

The skips are pitted against each other:

PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.
W. Robertson	v. W. A. Wein
Dr. Schmarr	v. W. Lyon
J. G. Gauldau	v. F. A. Hudson
S. C. Burton	v. W. G. Cameron
G. W. Smith	v. F. Campbell
Wm. Schwartz	v. J. Beaudoin

The games to be played this week, and aggregate score decide the match. On paper it would look as if it was an even tie.

### CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.

Mr. Joseph Boyd, of Mrs. Boyd, are under arrest at Port Arthur—the former as a charge of bigamy and the latter with regard to an unlawful marriage with Boyd, having knowledge of a previous marriage on his part.

It seems that Boyd, who is a hard-looking young man of some thirty-four years of age, left a wife and family of four daughters at Sudbury and went to North Bay to work here he became acquainted with Mary Synott, a young lady who resided at that place with her parents. An attachment followed, and although the young lady was aware of Boyd's previous marriage, an elopement was planned and they took the train for Toronto, where they were married on June 13 last.

Neither could we improve matters by reversing the ordinary procedure and allowing the guests to invite themselves.

The rebuff of being refused hospitality would be almost unbearable.

The lower you go in the social scale the stronger are the reasons against a man marrying young.

**Lucky Poverty.**  
A certain young fellow named Gough contracted a very bad tongue. Now, he hadn't the dough... But, you don't talk so much. Unhanded, he shook the cough right.

**Practice Makes Perfect.**  
She—Ferdy, have you ever loved before?

He (unashamed)—Why, of course, dear, how could I now love you to perfection?

**Views of El Reno.**  
When the men at the foot of the list go down to pick out their land, they can form some idea of what a woman gets when she is late at a bargain sale.

**Night and Morning.**  
Hope is a beautiful morning plant. Man goes up half dead and wakes up great and glorious visions bursting in his head.

**She Called on Him.**

Spekton—How on earth did you come to get engaged to Miss Strongmind?

Meekton—I didn't. She came to get engaged to me.

**Makes a Difference.**  
That girl was flirting hard with me two minutes ago, and now she won't look at me."

"Perhaps that's because she saw me come in. I'm her husband."

**The Reason, Perhaps.**  
We often praise the faithful dog whose friendship will not balk. He never lies nor gossips, but he never learned to talk.

**The Principal Indication.**  
I presume you think I'm a hygienic crank because I'm always eating something in the line of health foods."

"Not at all. It's because you are always hungry."

**Up to Him.**  
"Yes, Miss Cutting, that's a fine dog. Would it—aw—surprise you—aw—if I told you that dog knows as much as I do?"

"Not at all."

**Uncertainty.**  
I am a hero grandchild in the family, in the house, in the world.

**A Flatterer.**  
Cham—What an absurd flatterer Mr. Softee is!

Dora—Did he say you were pretty? Cham—He said you were.

**False.**  
Auntie—Did your uncle's teeth chat when he had the chilli? Bobby—No, ma'am; ther were bein' fixed at de time.

**A Growing Belief.**  
The kiddy is not again. And night cloth applied. The round front. Come of the perch! The kiddy's a head!

**Hereditary Weakness.**  
How ignorant Miss Swammer is of history!

"She inherits it. Her father is a historical novelist."

came in to buy a paper of pins awhile ago.

of December, 1901.  
W. C. BARCLAY,  
Assigned.

## A Terrible Cough.



If people would only treat coughs and colds in time with Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, there would be fewer home deposits.

The severest coughs and colds, bronchitis and croup, and the first stages of consumption yield readily to this powerful lung-healing remedy.

Read what Mrs. Thos. Carter, Northport, Ont., says: "I caught a severe cold, which settled on my throat and lungs, so that I could scarcely speak above a whisper. I also had a terrible cough which my friends thought would send me to my grave. I tried different remedies but all failed to do me any good until I took Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and the contents of one bottle completely cured me."

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## JUDICIAL SALE

—OF—

## Mining Locations

IN THE DISTRICT OF RAINY RIVER

## Mortgage Sale

OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF RAT PORTAGE.

UNDER power of sale contained in a certain charge of mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale there will be sold by Public Auction at the Hilliard House in the Town of Rat Portage by R. J. Parrott, Auctioneer, on Saturday the 21st day of December, A. D. 1901, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, the following valuable property, namely:

That certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the said Town of Rat Portage containing two and one half acres more or less, and registered in the office of Land Titles at Rat Portage, as parcel M1244, 257 and 258 on Eagle lake, otherwise known as Leasable Parcel 1854, according to the Registrar in the Office of Land Titles at Rat Portage.

The property is known as the "El Dorado" mine, and is stated to have undergone considerable development and to have had considerable improvements made thereon.

The property will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid.

The purchaser shall pay 10% of his purchase money at the time of the sale to the vendors or their solicitors, and the balance in 30 days thereafter.

The vendors will not be required to produce any certificates, deeds or papers thereof, or other evidence of title not in their possession.

In all other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of the court. Further particulars may be had from J. EDWARD BIRD, Vendor's Solicitor, or from T. W. CHAPPLER, Esq., Master, Rat Portage.

Terms—Ten per cent of the purchase money at the time of sale and the balance in thirty days thereafter.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

ALLAN MCLENNAN,  
Solicitor, etc., Rat Portage,  
Solicitor for vendors  
Dated at Rat Portage this 18th day of November, A. D. 1901.

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